

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,
Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing
Company, Factory I
810 Jackson Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-160-AD

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Site Location: 801 Jackson Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.4
Cadastral grid: SE1/4 SE1/4 S24 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
Lot dimensions: 220'x 225': 1.14 acre
Lot description: City Lots 349 to 353 and
374 to 378

Present Owner: Wilmac, Inc.
Present Usage: factory / warehouse
Present Condition: good

Orientation: east
Architectural Description: Plan type: rectangular; 4-story open plan factory.
Foundation: coursed limestone ashlar perimeter walls.
Structure: wood frame with masonry bearing and fire walls.
Ext. walls: common red brick laid in common bond.
Roofs: flat composition roof with brick parapet walls and terra cotta tile copings over main block; full-length wood/metal canopy cantilevered over loading dock on front; composition bow roof with brick parapets over rear addition.
Chimneys: two square, brick interior chimneys.
Windows: painted wood 4/4 double-hung windows with segmental brick heads and stone lug sills; front windows (with original sash in place) placed in pairs, beneath a single arched head; side and rear windows (sash replaced with bronze anodized aluminum in 1983-84) placed singly.
Openings: sectional garage doors and single-leaf entrance doors lining front wall at full-length loading dock.
Details: 3rd and 4th floor bridges over Eighth Street now removed; modestly corbeled brick courses at parapet level on front and sides with central raised bay on front; regularly spaced vertical brick corbels on exterior walls, including stepped out panels at the corners and center and indented window panels.

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Construction Date : 1903; 1915; 1929

Architecture Style: 19th Century Functional

Physical History : This four-story brick industrial building was constructed by the Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company in 1903 during the company's first major expansion. Farley-Loetscher manufactured window sashes, doors and blinds, wood moldings, trim, brackets and hardwood interior finish products. Prior to construction of this building, the Dubuque Linseed Oil Company had a three-story flax processing plant on the northeast corner of the block bounded by Eighth, Jackson, Ninth and White streets. Constructed in 1881, the plant was used to manufacture linseed oil cakes, a product used in the manufacture of paint. The 1903 four-story brick building was used as a warehouse and finishing plant for the company's wood products. Additional storage areas were added to the building in 1915 and 1929. The additions were constructed west of the 1903 portion of the building, and in 1944 a third addition was made on the southeast corner of Ninth and White streets, which served as the company's laboratory during the latter part of its history when it was attempting to develop a line of plastic building products. Carr, Adams and Collier, formerly Carr, Ryder and Adams, Dubuque's other large sash, door and blind manufacturer, purchased the building about 1960, shortly after the Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company went out of business. McNamara Industries in turn purchased the building in 1976; Wilmac acquired it from McNamara in 1983. The structure has retained its overall form and most of its exterior details. A major rehabilitation in 1983-84 substantially changed its interior and the side and rear window and door openings.

Significance: The Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company Factory I is historically significant in its association with one of Dubuque's largest manufacturing firms. Architecturally, the building is a well proportioned and typically detailed representative of the wood/masonry structures built in Dubuque's industrial district.

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